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ACTION

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INSIDE!

**JUST WATCH IT
FLY!**

**THE
RED
ARROW!**



KILLER!



INVADER!

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EVER—FAST!

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NEW PAPER OF THE 70's

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IN THE
BLAST!



Later in this issue — see Steve
blowing fire!

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Hock one end of the elastic band on to the small pinion beneath the nose of the plane. Hold the other end of the band between your left thumb and forefinger, draw back the plane with your right hand and then release it. Be sure the band is across the top of your thumb to avoid the plane striking it. Always make sure that you use your Red Arrow out of doors, and aim it skywards at all times, so that your speeding plane will not hit anyone.

THE MONEY MAN'S THROWING ££££'S AWAY!



He's saving nuts! He's got more money than he knows what to do with! Yes, every Saturday MONEY MAN turns up in a different town and GIVES ten quid away! The first town is CROYDON — but watch this space to see when MONEY MAN turns up in YOUR town!

ATTENTION ALL CROYDON READERS!

Take a good look at this photo of MONEY MAN. On Saturday, February 14th, between 11 a.m. and 12 noon, MONEY MAN will be somewhere in THE WHITGIFT CENTRE, Croydon. If you spot him, go up to him and say "You are the MONEY MAN of ACTION!" MONEY MAN will give FIVE QUID to the first reader who challenges him AND CAN SHOW HIM A COPY OF ACTION. And ONE QUID each to the following five readers to challenge him correctly. So make sure you're there to win ££££'s! Good Hunting!



There's only one rule for Dredger - There are no rules!

DREDGER

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1973. Heathrow Airport.
Hassan Gidado, Prime Minister of Kurdistani, is returning home after signing an oil deal with Britain.

A target for Auto execs.
They are determined --
On the next slide.



In charge of security —
secret agent Head of D.A.F.

THE AIRPORT'S
SEEN CHECKED FOR
SECURITY, BUT WHERE
THE DEUCE IS
OUR NEW AGENT -
DREDGE



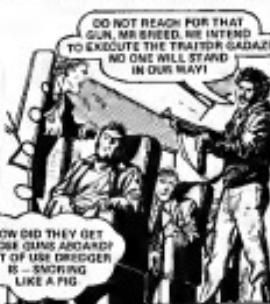
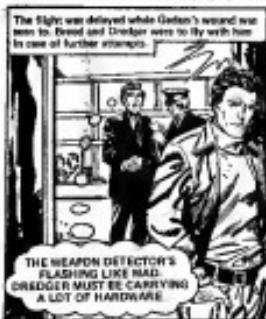
Sensitivity -



THE EMBASSY
HAUFFEUR - HE'S AN
ASSASSIN LOOK OUT.
PRIME MINISTER!



SULLIVAN'S DAIRY
WOUNDED — BUT THE
ASSASSIN WILL FIRE AGAIN
WHAT? THAT FORK LICK
COWBOY'S HEAD
RIGHT FOR HIM!

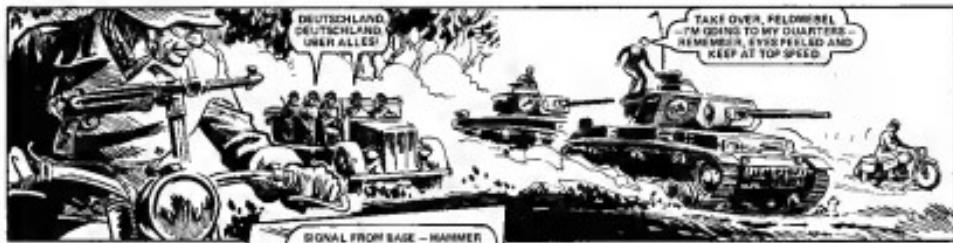




Next week ... Action in South America - guess whose finger's on the trigger?

The Panzers crush. The Panzers smash. The Panzers kill!





ALL UNITS MOVING AT TOP SPEED—
OUR BLITZKRIEG HAS COMPLETELY
SHOCKED THE ENEMY—EVEN THE
BRITISH!

SIGNAL FROM BASE—HAMMER
FORCES ARE ON THE MOVE—FIRE AND
WAIT FOR REINFORCEMENT FROM GOVERNMENT—
DO SO NOW!

Furious, Hellman waded the rest of
Hammer Force ashore and waited...



GERMANY'S SOLDIERS
ARE TO FIGHT RUTHLESSLY
—SPREADING TERROR AND
I AM WAITING FOR YOU TO
RETURN THE SALUTE TO
OUR GLORIOUS FÜHRER!

Suddenly—

HERR MAJOR OVER
THE RIDGE—HAMMER FORCE
IS HELD UP BY BRITISH ELITE
TROOPS—THE GUARDS!



MAJOR, I—I—

YOU WILL SIMPLY FIND,
THE GUARDS ARE FINE
MEN, HERR MAJOR. THERE IS
NO NEED TO RISK YOURSELF.





Next week - Trapped In a Burning Inferno!

He had style and a hard punch. Too bad he was going blind...

BLACK JACK

Jack Bannon, a young up-and-coming heavyweight known in the ring as "Blackjack," has always dreamed of winning the World Championship. Now, in the fourth round of his seventh fight, he seems so close to securing an easy victory over "Irish" Tom Tully...

FOURTH ROUND AND
TULLY HASN'T LANDED A
PUNCH ON BLACKJACK YET!

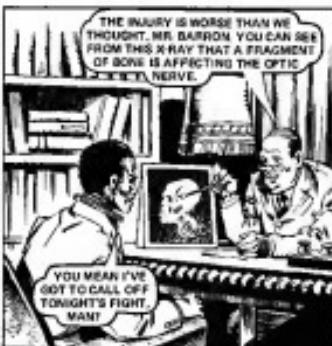
WE GOT THIS ONE
WRAPPED UP, SALLY.
BLACKJACK'S RUMIN' RINGS
ROUND THIS DODGE!

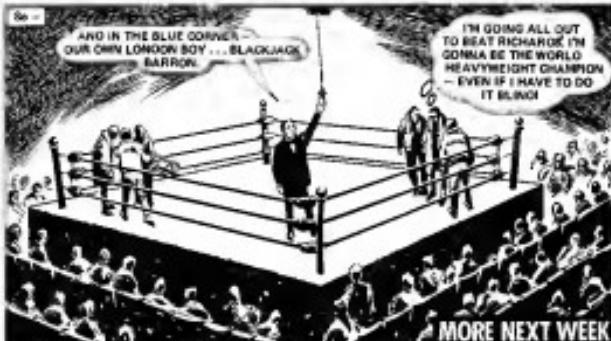


Yank Knakid, Jack's American trainer, closed the cut with an antibiotic ointment compound.

When the bell went, Sally Levine, Jack's manager, was worried —

NOT AS HURT
AS YOU THOUGHT,
EH, TULLY? NOW
YOU'VE LEFT
YOURSELF WIDE
OPEN.





MORE NEXT WEEK

PSST! KEEP IT DARK - THERE ARE SURPRISES COMING IN ACTION!

TO THE ADDRESS
LETTERS TO IS
ACTION
FLEETWAY HOUSE
FARRINGDON STREET
ECA 4AD.

SO— WHAT?

AN AMERICAN BIRD FANCIER ONCE
TRAINED HER PET
COCKATOO TO ROLLER-SKATE

UNDER A QUID

Each week the ACTION Bedbug spotters makes a lightning tour of the shops to find out what's good for less than £1! First choice is a Secret Agent pen, just 25p! Use one end to write an INVISIBLE message... use the other end to find out what the message is all about. If your mate has it as well, you can send each other secret messages so see who'll be able to crack it. If the pens not in your local shop, Wimpy's of Regent Street, London, W.L. will take orders by post (postage and packing 15p).



Got a question you want to ask on Sport? Films? Crime? Anything? KNOW ALL's got ALL the answers! Here are some questions the ACTION staff threw at him —

Who was the last English heavyweight champion of the world?

The only one was Robert Fitzsimmons, born in England and moved to New Zealand at the age of five. He was champ from 1897-99 after he beat J. J. Corbett in Corson City. He also held the middleweight title 1891-96 and the light heavyweight title 1903-1905.

When were the National Archery championships started?

In 1844 at York. This was when the York Round started (24 arrows shot in 100 yards, 48 arrows at 80 yards, 24 arrows at 60 yards)

What are the symptoms of sleeping sickness disease?

There are three stages — 1) enlarged glands and rapid pulse; 2) Hands, legs and tongue start to tremble. Eyes go vacant. Speech becomes slurred; 3) Feeling lazy, wasting of the muscles and death.

Who were the first team to do the league end cup double this century?

Tottenham Hotspur 1960-61. Their team was as follows: Brown, Henry, Baker, Mackay, Norman, Blanchflower, Dyson, White, Smith, Allen, Jones.

How old do you have to be to take flying lessons?
17. Lessons have to be taken at an approved flying school — approved, that is, by the Civil Aviation Authority, and you'll have to go through a medical examination.

If you could trap a flash of lightning somehow, could you use the electricity for power?

Yes. But it's not possible — lightning is so powerful and strikes so fast — up to 1,000 miles/sec — it could never be done.

Send your questions to KNOWALL at the address shown on this page. KNOWALL regrets he can only answer questions on this page.

GUESS WHAT?

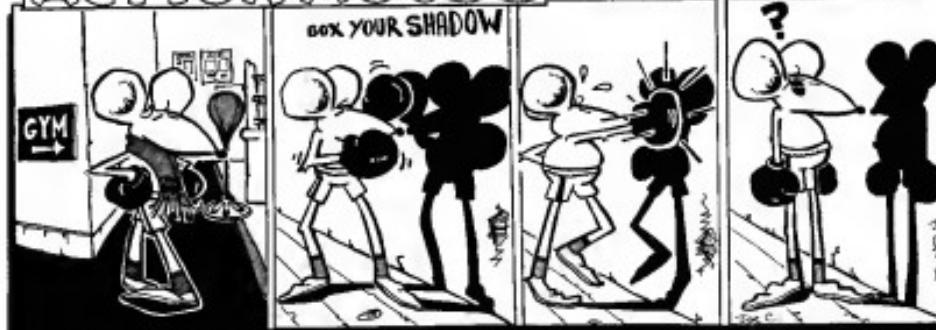
Answers: The answer is a
cockatoo — ACTION



GRUMBLE and GROANS dept.

Here's your chance to get something off your chest! If there's something you're jaded off about... something you bought, maybe, which didn't work... or if you think you've had a raw deal... write in to our Grumble & Groans Dept. We'll do our best to sort out your problems!

ACTION MOUSE



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Football was Alec's dream - Grice turned it into a nightmare!

PLAY TILL YOU DROP!



Alec Shew is the striker of Hampton City. In the first game of the season City are one down, when

HIT IT, ALEC!
YOU'VE GOT
TO EQUALISE!



GOAL JUST TIME.
WAY HIS OLD MAN, TOM
SHEW, USED TO SLAM 'EM
HOME.



LOVELY GOAL, ALEC!
YOU'RE STARTING THE
SEASON WITH A BANG.

WE HAVEN'T WON
YET, TERRY AND THERE
AIN'T MUCH TIME - LET'S
GET STUCK IN.



YOUNG, TERRY!

THEY'VE WORKED
THE OLD ONE TWO.
ALEC'S FOUND
SPACE.



YOU'RE THROUGH,
ALEC! KEEP GOING!







In our next issue - the bloodsucker digs deep into Alec's pocket!

When Hook Jaw strikes— you only scream once!



The injured sailor (W) from panel 1a safely escaped.



After going itself on its prey, the shark moved off to its hunting ground.

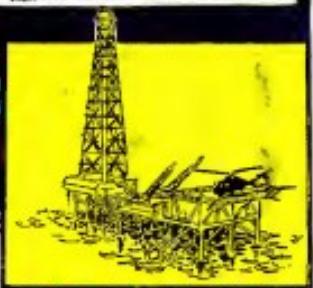
TH-THERE'S NOTHING LEFT OF ALI

THE KILLER STILL HAS THE HOOK IN ITS JAW. IT SHOULD BE A WARNING TO ANYONE ELSE WHO SEES IT!

Divers were inspecting the rig when Rick Mason, Chief diver, spotted —

SHARKS! LOOK OUT!

A year later, in June 1973, an oil drilling platform was moved into the area. The killer shark had been nicknamed "Hook Jaw" by the newspapers after the incident — but it had not been encountered for some time, not until the oil men found their new drilling site...



IT'S HOOK JAW! GET OUT OF HERE!

AND HERE COMES A TIGER SHARK FOR ME. JUST ONE WAY TO DEAL WITH IT.

Bennett dropped his weight belt



THE BRUTE'S BITTEN WAGNER'S LEGS OFF!

THAT'S TO MAKE OUT I'M NOT SCARED — EVEN THOUGH I'M SCARED LIKE HELL!



I GOT RID OF IT. HICK, NOW HOOK JAW'S AFTER BARNHORN. ITS FIN HAS SLASHED HIS AIR HOSE.

HE'S PANICKED — RISING TOO FAST. THE DECOMPRESSION WILL KILL HIM. BEEN TOO DEEP TOO LONG.

On the rig — Red McNally — the oil rig boss — moaned.



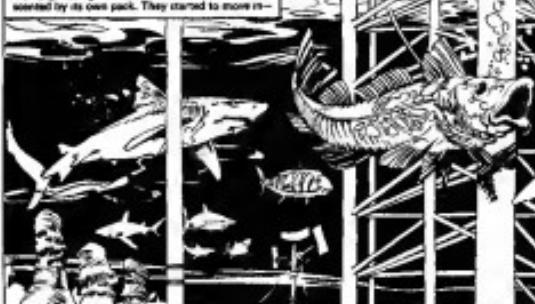
NITROGEN NARCOSIS. IF YA SURFACE TOO FAST, WITHOUT STOPPING TO DECOMPRESS, THE NITROGEN IN YOUR BLOOD VESSELS EXPANDS UNTIL YOUR BODY EXPLODES! THAT FOOL SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER!



LOSE YOUR NERVE, HUNTLIN' KILL YOUR PRECIOUS HOOK JAW FOR YA, MASON. GET THE CHOPPER READY.



McNally was right. Hook Jaw's blood was soon joined by its own pack. They started to move in—



Then, crazy with blood lust, attacked



As the first shark snapped and missed, the white shark drove itself towards the other three. All the power of its twenty-two foot long body going into the attack.



They craved for blood — so Hook Jaw gave it to them, rapping apart a shark's underbelly with its hook.

The pack devoured the easier prey and the white shark stopped away to let its wound heal.



NOW I'VE FINISHED OFF THEIR LEADER, RECKON IT'S THE END OF OUR SHARK PROBLEM. LIKE I KEEP TELLING YA, MASON RED MCNALLY CAN FIX ANYTHING!

IT BEAT ME! THE DUMB CRITTER BEAT ME!



YOU'RE WRONG! THAT JAGGED DORSAL FIN — HOOK JAW!



THAT AINT ALL. MCNALLY, THE SHARKS SIGHTIN' BELOW THE RIG HAVE BUSTED OUT SAMPLIN'. WE GOTTA HOLD UP DRILLING UNTIL WE GET ANOTHER FROM FLORIDA.

YES THAT BRUTE HOGAN IS GOIN' TO GET US GETTING THE OIL AND THE SONOFABITCH MCNALLY GETS IT THROUGH HIS HEAD THE BETTER!

MORE NEXT WEEK

If 'Action' doesn't make your hair stand on end — you must be bald!

LES COLLINS



— tipped to ride for England!

GUY ALLOTT If you fancy a sport that's Action-plus, be a speedway rider! I know it's got its dangers — but you just forget 'em when you're hurtling round the track on your bike with the cinders flying and the crowd roaring. I've been lucky so far — a bashed knee is my worst injury.

I'm seventeen, by the way, and started racing about four years ago on grass track. It's similar to speedway — but the surface is so bumpy — you've really got to control your bike.

Then I went on to speedway with junior races at Belle Vue and Elle-mere Port. My big break came when I was loaned to Crewe last year. It was fantastic, 'cos I was up against top riders in the National League!

Towards the end of the season I had the chance to race against my famous brother Pete. (We're all speedway crazy in our house. Even my youngest brother Steve (9) and sis Stella ride.) Pete reckoned I did well — but I won't be happy till I beat him! He's really a great bloke and has taught me a lot. He gave me my first bike, y'know.

Did you see him at Wembley in last year's World Championship Final? What a thrill. I know I've got a heck of a lot more to learn, but that's the target I've set myself — to ride in the World Championship, too. That'd really be '99 something!

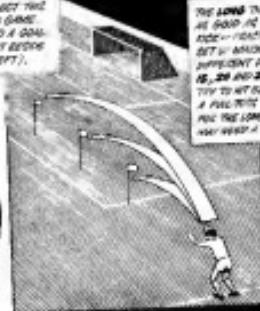


SOCER SESSION WITH THE BOSS

THE THROW-IN

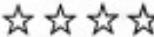
DON'T NEGLECT THIS PART OF THE GAME. A QUICK, ACCURATE THROW CAN LEAD TO A GOAL. PUT YOUR HANDS BEHIND THE BALL, NOT BEFORE IT — AND FOLLOW THROUGH (SEEVAN, LEFT).

DON'T FORGET THE PIVOT SWING. SWING THE LEGS TO THE OTHER TEAM. THE LAW SAYS THAT IF EACH FOOT STAYS ON THE GROUND AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, THE TOUCH LINE



THE LONG THROW CAN BE ALL ABOUT A CRISP, DIRECT SWING. THIS WAY, GET IN MARKETED POSITION, PREPARED POSITION — IN, IN AND ON. TRYING AWAY TRY TO HIT EACH ONE WITH A FULL-THROTTLE SWING. PEG THE LONG THROW TODAY. YOU MAY NEED A QUICK KICK UP.

ROTATING COUNTERWISE PRESENTS A LONG WAY TO SWING. SWING IN A COUNTER-CLOCKWISE POSITION, SETTING UP SWING IN THIS WAY. AT ANOTHER TEACH-IN, I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO ROTATE POSITION AT A THROW-IN...



TWIT OF THE WEEK

Is there some really well known guy (or gal) who makes you CRINGE? A famous radio DJ, an actor, a TV celebrity — anyone who you really think is a TWIT! Well let us know and Action is planning a regular **TWIT OF THE WEEK** spot! Send your nominations to **TWIT OF THE WEEK**, ACTION, 1000 Masshouses Ltd., Farringdon St., London EC1 4BD. (If you feel like letting us know WHY he's a twit, so much the better!)



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VOTE IN ACTION

I like _____



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Dislike _____



Send this coupon with your letter

They called Len Walker a slob...and they were right!

SPORT'S NOT FOR LOSERS!

As entrants for the 110-meter hurdles race, the Barncastle team is the last event at a hard-fought Athletics meeting between Barncastle Hornets and their local rivals, star prospect Dan Walker. Known everything depends on him.







— AND THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO TURN YOU INTO. LIKE IT OR NOT, SO DADDY'LL BE PROUD OF ONE OF US AND YOU CAN TAKE THAT FAIR CUT — YOKE YOUR TRAINING STARTS RIGHT NOW!

Can Layabout Len kick the smoking habit?

MORE NEXT WEEK

She was a steel tomb—in which 60 men would die.

THE COFFIN SUB







Next week - The coffin sub on a one way trip to death!

ACTION PACKED! NEXT WEEK

PANIC!

TRAPPED IN A DIVING BELL — AND OUTSIDE ... HOOK JAW IS WAITING!



DANGER!

IT'S THE BIG DROP FOR DON SCARLETTI'S LEUTENANT IN "THE RUNNING MAN".



DISASTER!

BLACK JACK'S DOWN IN THE MOST SAVAGE FIGHT OF HIS CAREER!



PLUS

The Mad Money Man's on the loose again. Where will he turn up next?



PLUS

THE BOY WHO COULD BE TOMORROW'S WORLD TABLE TENNIS CHAMP!

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"LET'S FACE IT" — A GREAT SOCCER PHOTO QUIZ!

ACTION MAN WRESTLING WITH A TEN FOOT BOA CONSTRICTOR!

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A DEADLY NEW 3D GAME

DON'T MISS ACTION NEXT WEEK!

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HAND THIS COUPON TO YOUR NEWSAGENT

EDITOR



Hi. My Name's Steve McManus of Action. A lot of guys think I'm Mike McManus' little brother. Well, now I've been telling them it's not true.

Easy, that's what the Editor had him do. BIG IDEA of him, I tell ya. He's real cool.

ACTION MAN! If you've ever seen the Ed take any advice, don't! He's the kind of bloke who chews broken twigs at full moon and sharpens his teeth on hacksaw blades. He said there was nothing better than a dog's tooth, so I did. I even dotted line and everything, just to do anything I wanted to suggest! Ed's kind and nice, take my first start. Ed's kind and nice, foot jet of fire from me, come down at Gerry Cuthbertson. You'll be fine, the Ed says, let go along and do things like wooden leg van 'Barber's vanquished. Shove it on — and Bimsey! It's not as nice as you think. At one stage my face got so nearly caught alight and I thought we were getting really hot until Well, he's our photographer, chuckles a bucket of water over me! So don't you try it! Well, I gotta go now, see ya next issue!

What crazy capers would you like Steve to do? Send your ideas to **ACTION MAN** at the Action address



"Make me a man who looks like my son... Then kill him!"

THE RUNNING MAN



The policeman threw himself clear — but his heel hit the brick.



Next day, in the house of Don Scarlatti, Godfather of one of the four families that rule New York —



IF YOU WEREN'T MY SON
YOU'D BE CEMENTED INTO THE
NEW JERSEY FURNITICE BY NOW.
BUT I'LL GIVE YOU ONE MORE CHANCE.
THEY'VE NAILED YOU, SO I'M
GONNA HAVE SOMETHING
ARRANGED TO TAKE THE HEAT
OFF. I'M GONNA GIVE THEM
VITO SCARLATTI ON A PLATE!

A week later, in a hotel in downtown Manhattan —





When Mike came to -

WH— WHERE AM I?





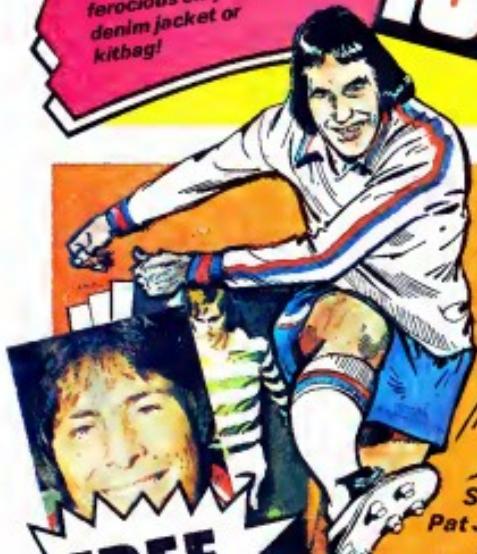
WARNING to nervous readers-DON'T buy ACTION!

**IN
ACTION
NEXT
WEEK!**

You've read the story of HOOK JAW — well, next week we're giving away this horrifying IRON-ON TRANSFER of him! A HUGE 212mm x 153mm, HOOK JAW will look ferocious on your tee-shirt, denim jacket or kitbag!



HOOKJAW



**SOCER
SUPER
STARS
of Britain**

The week after's free gift is SIXTEEN cards of SOCCER SUPER STARS OF BRITAIN! Who will YOU get Pat Jennings? Colin Todd? Gerry Francis? Altogether there are 64 Soccer stars — so you can pick your own TEAM FOR BRITAIN by swopping with your mates!

**See ya
next
week!**

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